

20th Kingdom Year
Spring

Lowest floors of the Labyrinth of the Ancients

Longmire & Huakkuakou

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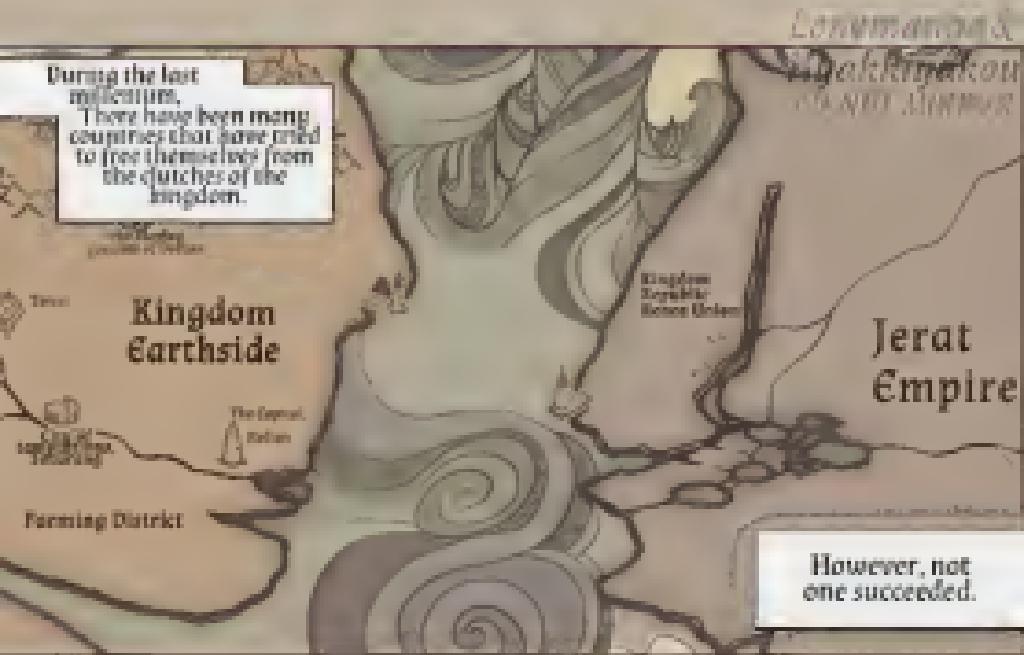
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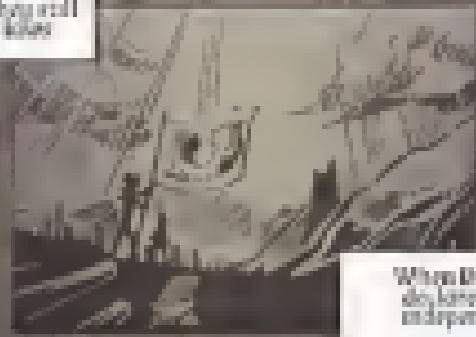
Episode • Straubin

Story • Art

Shin Wool



The Republic City's people are
put to a vote, because they will
choose by the empire's rules



When Republic
people voted
for independence,

citizens elected
them to be like all the
other cities before them

General Pongu the First,
the first hero of the empire,
established justice on Earth
and saved the Republic
from the Ancestral...



Everyone thought
they were crazy

After a decade of fighting in
the War of Independence,



Kingdom Earth had
finally driven back the
evil empire

This land is vast
and prosperous.

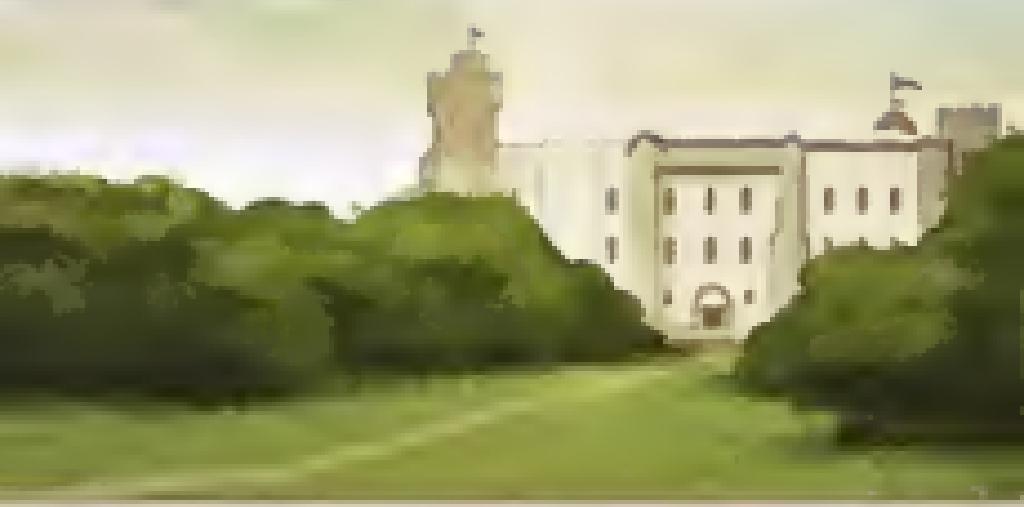
With the Daugli's help
and Axoom slaves, we
had plenty of labourers.

The kingdom seemed
to have a bright future...

Lonemangad
Krankhakar
DO NOT MURDER

and the king
fell ill –
without an official
heir present to
take his place.

10th Kingdom Year
Near Hollan



West Scrablin, 31





Oh, right. Glad to see you happily married.



Uwahaha, you should get married and have a family as well, brother!



I need to get the king married off first



It seems to me he's big. His size depends on his state.

He needs an herb and some...

Our family has never undertaken this mission, we need someone else to do it...



Here, come and greet your uncle.

I was young





I had the ambition
of creating the greatest
kingdom in the world

I have my
cute nephews,
so it should be
fine.

29th Kingdom Year
Cross-Bischo Palace



Count Straubin's Office

knock
knock







That was
fifteen years
ago.

I guess the
rumors are true.

Lonemanga &
Hagakure
DO NOT EXIST



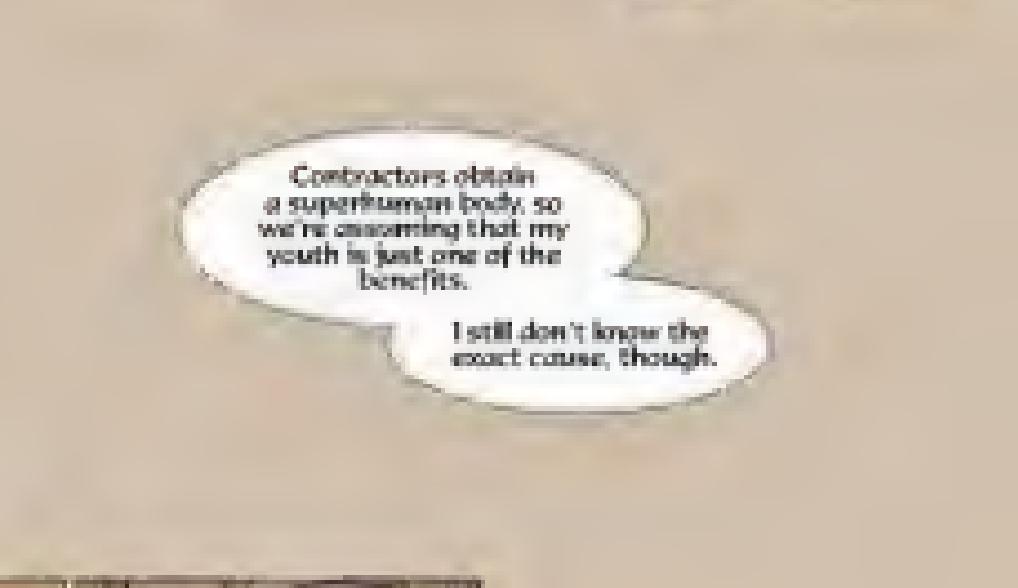
What do you
mean, "god"?

I know we're in a freely-
religious kingdom, but this
isn't the Empire.

You shouldn't
say something like
that, as Straubin.

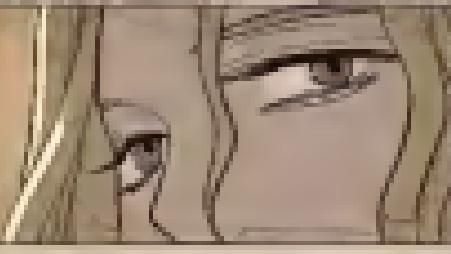


That's what the rumors say.



Contractors obtain a superhuman body, so we're assuming that my youth is just one of the benefits.

I still don't know the exact cause, though.



Come to think of it, why does your teaching assistant professor is robot?

Yes, well... They were lacking staff, so I volunteered.



Hmm...

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They say he choked to death while eating

He's always loved eating, so he must have died rather happily...



Congratulations
on having your...
second child?

It's our third.

Oh, is
that so...

Thanks to you,
the princess have been
growing well

Both of them are
very smart, so teaching
them feels gratifying

I'll have to keep
studying so that I
don't fall behind.

Levemengard
Mytholifusking
OR NOT ALREADY



Rather than
that, you should worry
about your health. There
seems to be a disease
spreading again.



My father always
worried about you
living a solitary life.



The king hasn't
been all that well,
and shows no signs
of recovery.



Well, I don't really care.

I won't ask you to marry anyone, so may I still visit you?

Come and visit me any time. You're my family.

Yes.



38th Kingdom Year

Lonemanga &
Jafar Jackou
Bakchichitor



Home stories in the kingdom?

Yes. They've been quite popular.

In the dark corners of the kingdom, above the wall...

you can hear someone
quietly whispering to you.

It sound like a female,
but at the same time, like
a beast too.



It must be the
sound of the wind.

There's no reason
to believe such lies.

Haha...

Come to think of it,
the king's health
has been declining, so
I'm thinking about
changing his doctor.

The Queen
always worries
for the king.



West Strubbin, 60

You always talk
about him when
you're with me.

Nes Strubbin, 41



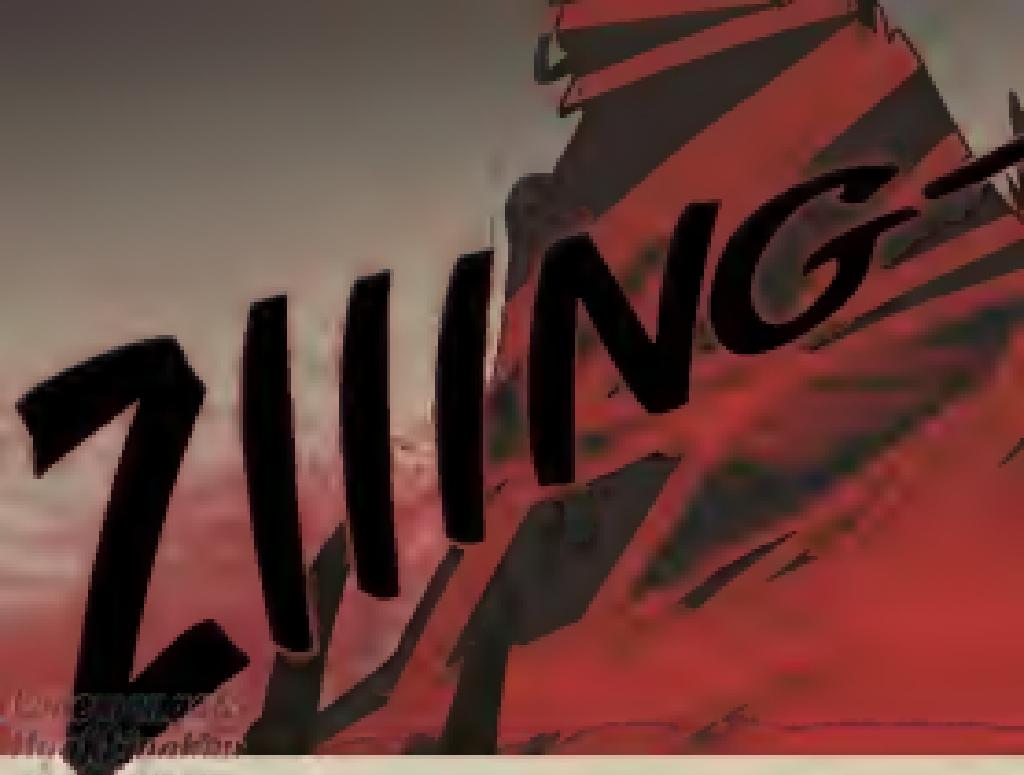
Lonemanga &
Huckleberry
down south

Huh?

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What's this?





When Mirage Beasts approaches death and feels pain, they secrete a deadly poison.

They call this 'Mirage Beast Poison'.

It's a poison that is fatal to contractors.

I can see it working already.

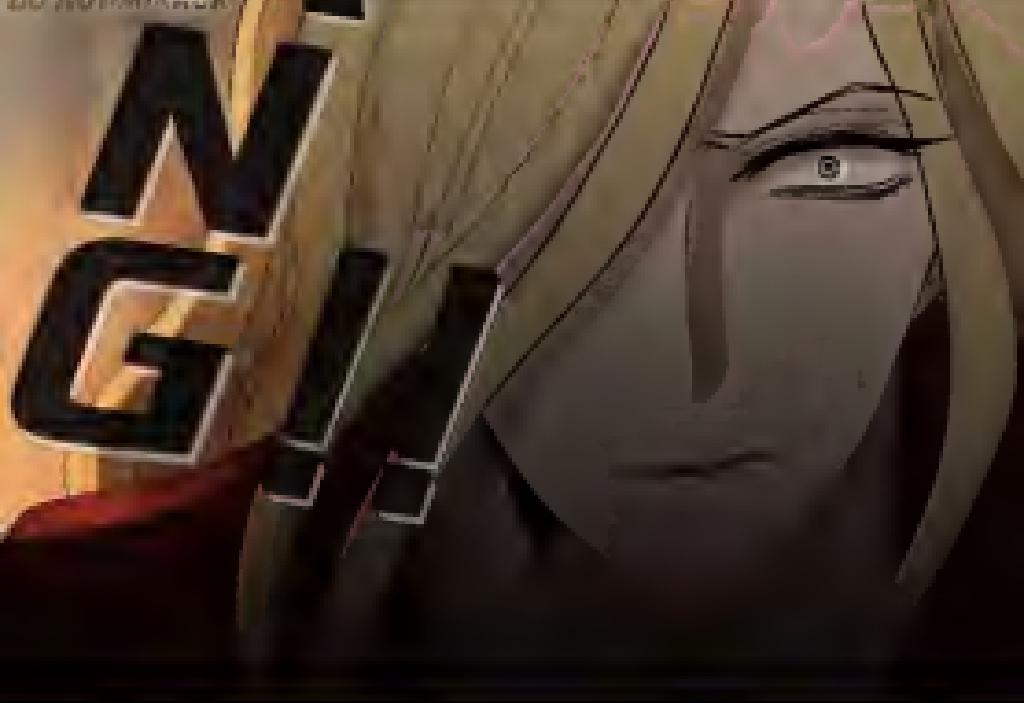
You... bastard...

What is the meaning of this?!

CLANG

Even if you don't
do this, the family
head is already
yours...

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A



B
A
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The sound of the gun...
The sound of the gun...
The sound of the gun...
The sound of the gun...

The sound of cannon...

and soldiers...

It can't be...

The feeling of war...

WAHHHH



Why did the
princes revolt?
Why...?!



What were you
lacking...

Love me not
Hyalinakou
ob the mirror





How long...

were you planning
on staying in that
position, when you do
not grow old?

You monster...



Former Court
Strabbin.

***The king is
in danger!***

Bob, Bob... I can't
believe you couldn't
choose a better...



Kingdom Earthside
The Marquess and leader
of the family
Tashia Rochard

Drink this, since you
need immediate attention.

The poison will
disappear with time,
but this will help with
the bullet wound.

The king... The
king is in danger.

Randen went over
there already.

Did you bring out
a test subject...?

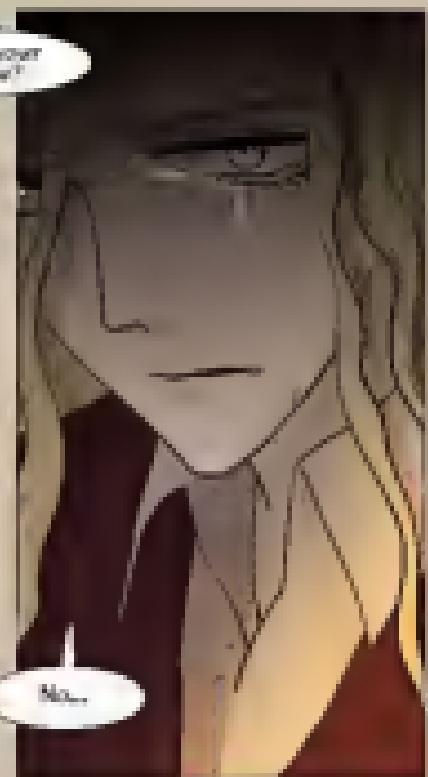
Yes, I've finished
experimenting, so
disposing of Her is
a bit wonderful.

Not only that, it
listens to me well.

so I've thought
about making it
my heir.
It's better to have
a grandchild at
this age, though.



Will be your
nephew?



Ha.

Just a traitor.





If the King is healthy, the kingdom is healthy.

That is my absolute belief.

I hear the king's health is declining again.

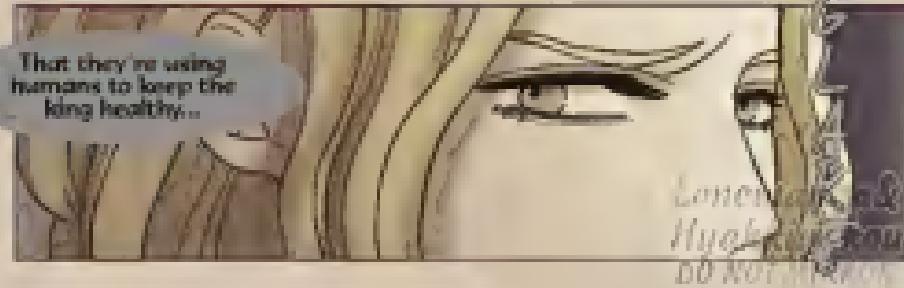
I haven't seen him in any of the official meetings, either.

Didn't he collapse during the last one?

He's having trouble choosing on who as well...

Come to think of it, wasn't there scheming in the basement...

Do you think the rumors are true?



Long live the King
Hyakusai
DO NOT...



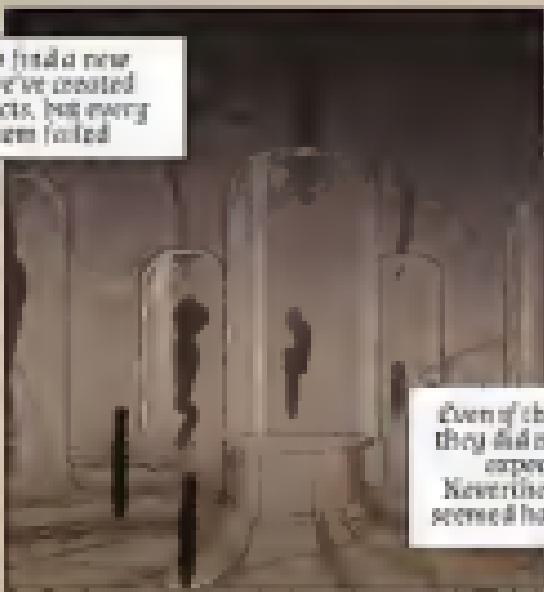
The king is an existence far greater than a contractor.

He is a special existence.

But some time ago, his "power" turned black...

and the king's health declined long ago.

In order to find a new "power", we've created many subjects, but every one of them failed



Even if they survived, they did not reach our expectations. Nevertheless, Task is seemed happy enough



'We need a heir,

but we can't give
him too much power'

Prince Lanton is still young
so I've let him live, but I'll
limit his power

The next queen will be
from a fallen noble family



The king started getting sick...



when he decided to marry his first queen

Although the king did not want to do so,
I coerced him into marrying her.

Yes. Before that, there were no problems.

Luminous &
Hyakkiyaku
DO NOT MIRROR





Could it be...



No, that's impossible.

"That" doesn't have emotions.

I did not make the wrong decisions.

I did it for the kingdom...



Count Straublin (1738.1.17–1820.5.17)



He was in the empire for his scientific achievements. However, due to a false claim, he had to escape to the New Continent. Soon afterwards, he made a house in Italian with his family. At the time, the children of the family consisted of two boys and one girl. When he was young, he was riddled with disease. He heard from the doctors that he would not survive long enough to reach adulthood, but his health was restored after he became a contractor.

He was eighteen, and during his escape, he met Pabel the First. Before long, he began to serve him as the king's aide and started creating connections to influential people.

He was deeply involved with the kingdom and its success, and was considered to be one of the greater assets.

He alone, took three titles of a Count. Prior to the first and second princes' revolt, he was taking care of twenty-seven cities at the time.

He was the one who established the Rheon Slavery, and the Media Speech Law.

He has lived alone for his whole life, sacrificing all for the kingdom.

Soon after his death, Kingdom Earthside faced a far greater number of accidents, eventually falling into chaos... There are many documents that suggest that history would've been different, had Count Straublin been alive.

:: Empire History Book - On the Subject of Historical Figures. (Page 145.)



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We'll have a two-week break and see you again on
21st March with Episode 4, "Tuturing". Thank you for



■ We're currently building an event at the bus stop.

P.S. This was crossposted for those who were curious. These dates and events have long gone.